SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Attacks on Fiji Shrines continue" appearing in the 'Patriot' dated October 17, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India are concerned about the racial discrimination being practised against the people of Indian origin in Fizi and the violation of Human Rights of citizens of Fiji by that Govemment. India has been vigorously pursuing the matter of racial discrimination and Human Rights violations in Fiji at concerned UN organisations, Human Rights Bodies, Commonwealth Heads of Government meetings as well as in bilateral meetings with concerned countries such as Australia, New Zealand, France, UK, USA and Mauritius. India will continue to oppose the re-entry of Fiji into the Common Wealth.

Production of Soyabean

1344. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Soyabean produced in various States, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have any special incentive scheme for Soyabean growers in order to promote Soyabean production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) the estimated State-wise production of soyaben during 1990-91 was as follows:

Sl. No.	*State*	*Production*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Assam	16
2.	Bihar	10
3.	Gujarat	13
4.	Karnataka	5
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2003
7.	Orissa	189
8.	Rajasthan	160
9.	Uttar Pradesh	32
10.	Others	11
	Total	2440

(b) and (c). Yes Sir, Soybean has been included under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). Under this programme cultivation of soybean is encouraged by providing assistance for production and distribution of seed, demonstrations, plant protection measures, sprinkler sets, improved implements, rhyzoium culture distribution of seed, demonstrations, plant protection measures, sprinkler sets, improved implements, rhyzobium culture distribution and other items. An amount of Rs. 77.5 crores has been provided under OPP for all the major oilseed crops including soybean. The soybean programme covers thirteen States.

Studies on Impact of Earthquakes

1345. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has taken up earthquake impact studies and post earthquake survey in the earthquake affected region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government on the study report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) are currently carrying on post earthquake scientific studies in the earthquake affected areas of Uttar Pradesh. These studies cover survey and assessment of damages and the pattern of impact on houses, roads, land, bridges, rivers and engineering structures and assessment of consequent damages and their pattern of impact on settlements and dwellings. The studies seek to delineate and determine epicentral tracts and isoseismal boundaries so that i-seismic maps can be prepared for further studies.

(c) A preliminary report of the earthquake impact study carried out by GSI teams has been received by the Government. After receipt of final report and its careful study, follow up action and planning of seismotectonic studies will be done for better understanding of geological processes and possible causes of earthquakes in the region.

Visit of Ethiopian Delegation

1346. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ethiopian delegation recently visited India and invited the Indian public and private entrepreneurs to extend a helping hand in the reconstruction of Ehliopia's infrastructure damaged in the civil war;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals for setting up of manufacturing or exploration projects in Ethiopia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) An Ethiopian delegation headed by their Minister for Housing and Construction visited India from 30.10.91 to 2.11.1991. the Ethiopian Minister carried a special message from the new President of Ethiopia for our Prime Minister. He also called on our External Affairs Minister and the Minister of Urban Development. The ethioplan Minister addressed a press conference on 31.10.91, during which he invited public and private entrepreneurs to extend help in the reconstruction of Ethiopia's devastated economy.

(b) India has been extending assistance to Ethiopia in the sectors of agriculture, water resources management and small scale industries. However, programmes in these sectors had been disrupted on account of the recent civil unrest in that country. These would be resumed as soon as the